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American Embassy
Paris, France
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Dear Mr. Beam,

This is a Peripheral matter relating to the Soviet Union.

A generally reliable Polish emigre source whom we saw on April 28, 1955, citing contacts in the Ukrainian nationalist emigration, tells us that the nationalist leaders BANDERA and STETSKO are presently visiting Paris on a highly confidential mission involving conversations with French intelligence services. Source claims that Bandera and Stetsko are conducting negotiations with these services in connection with a Ukrainian emigre project related to operative work in the Ukraine. Source adds, however, that while obtained from responsible Ukrainians in the emigration, the report should be treated with reserve since the two Ukrainian leaders in question are known to be viewed with disfavor by the French authorities for their past pro-German affiliations, and their visit to Paris seems therefore improbable unless some major considerations have brought the French authorities to review their former attitude.

Sincerely,

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